

## New Policy for Annual Conference Registration *By Vicki Putney*

When you are invited to a wedding, you RSVP, don't you? It's just common courtesy and it allows the host/hostess to make adequate provisions for food, space, favors and refreshments.

As Annual Conference Registrar, I have the same need to make adequate provisions for food, space, lodging and printed materials for those who attend the NCNY Annual Conference. I cannot do that without the courtesy of a reply to our "invitation" to attend this event. I am well aware that attendance, for clergy, is not optional. However, each individual has particular circumstances and needs to which we would like to respond. Registration makes that possible.

Late and non-existent registrations create problems. Problems for both staff and for the participant. When registrations are late, or not sent at all, it takes much more time to process the information, mistakes are more likely to be made, not enough seating is available, meal counts are wrong, hotel rooms are unavailable, and there isn't a sufficient amount of printed materials, which are critical for making informed decisions.

A review of some other conferences' policies around Annual Conference registration shows that registration fees (most much higher than ours) and

strict registration deadlines are common. Therefore, the Conference Sessions Team has approved the following policy:

NCNY Annual Conference registrations will not be processed without the appropriate payment included. The registration fee is non-refundable. After the registration deadline, only on-site registrations including payment will be accepted.

The registration fee for 2008 is \$20. The amount of this fee is reviewed annually by the Conference Sessions Team in accordance with what the anticipated expenses for the event will be along with the projected income from shared ministry monies. The full expense of holding the annual conference session is not included in the shared ministry budget, and so the registration fee helps to pay for speaker and music leader honorariums and expenses, as well as facility costs.

The deadline for registrations that have a lodging reservation is May 1, 2008. All other registrations must be received by May 15. Detailed registration information is elsewhere in this edition, or can be found on the Conference website.

## Year to Date Appointments – (Since January 1, 2008)

### Bishop Violet L. Fisher announces the appointments of:

**Rev. Robin Blair** half time to Liverpool: First in the Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Moon Ho Kim** to Caughdenoy in the Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Arthur Miner** as Interim serving Richfield Springs/Cherry Valley in Mohawk District effective 3/30/08 to July 1, 2008

**Rev. Elaine White** to Living Waters (Madison, Bouckville, Deansboro, Oriskany Falls) in the Mohawk District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Thana Kibbe** to Earlville/Poolville in the Mohawk District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Arlene Van Norstrand** to Apple Valley in Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Gary Rhodehamel** to ½ time at St. Paul's in Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Bryon Lee Williams** to Waterloo in the Central Lakes District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Dana K. Horrell** to ¼ time at Camillus First and ¾ time to Jordan in the Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Jeffrey Childs** to Grand Island:Trinity in the Niagara Frontier District of WNY Conference effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Margie Mayson** to Ithaca St. Paul's in the Central Lakes District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Patience Kisakye** to Clay Trinity in Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Martha E. Swords-Horrell** to Fayetteville in Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Thomas E. Eastey** to Marcellus in Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Richard Barton** as Finger Lakes District Superintendent effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Marilyn Wolfe** to Attend School effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Craig French** to Syracuse University in Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Judy A. Alderman** to Syracuse: Bellevue Heights in Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Janet L. Gleason** to Herkimer in the Mohawk District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Brian Fellows** to Oneida: St. Paul's in Mohawk District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Heather Williams** to Camillus: Immanuel in Crossroads District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Karen Marshall** to Clinton UMC in the Mohawk District effective July 1, 2008

**Rev. Michael L. Weeden** to New Beginnings:Elmira in the Finger Lakes District eff: July 1, 2008